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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO SOUTH AFRICAN ATTITUDE TOWARD NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION

1. ACCORDING TO A SEPTEMBER 1 ARTICLE IN THE "ESTADO DE S. PAULO" FOREGIN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN LAMPREIA VOICED BRAZIL'S "GREAT APPREHENSION" OVER SOUTH AFRICA'S RESERVATION OF THE RIGHT TO USE NUCLEAR MATERIAL FOR NON-PEACEFUL ENDS. HE CITED TWO BASIC PRINCIPLES OF BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR POLICY: (1) BRAZIL CONDEMNS THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS; AND (2) BELIEVES THE ONLY GUARANTEE AGAINST NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION IS AN ATMOSPHERE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WHICH SHARES THE BENEFITS OF NUCLEAR ENERGY AMONG ALL NATIONS.

2. LAMPREIA REPORTEDLY ADDED THAT THE BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR PROGRAM IS THE RESULT OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND HAS PEACEFUL AIMS. THE ARTICLE ENDS WITH THIS QUOTATION: "THE RISKS OF PROLIFERATION, IN OUR VIEW, PRINCIPALLY DERIVES FROM NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT WITHOUT THE PROTECTION OF ADEQUATE INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS. BRAZIL UNCLASSIFIED

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HAS ALREADY STATED, ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION, THAT ONLY INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WHICH SHARES THE BENEFITS OF NUCLEAR ENERGY WITH ALL PEOPLE, CAN GUARANTEE HUMANITY AGAINST THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS."
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